

# City of Lawton Proclamation

***Whereas***, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

***Whereas***, women have and continue to play critical roles in the economic, cultural, and social spheres of life, by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home. Women have played a unique role throughout history by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force; and

***Whereas***, women are particularly important in the establishment of early charitable and cultural institutions around the world. Women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

***Whereas***, women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

***Whereas***, despite these contributions, the role of WOMEN IN HISTORY has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching, and study of American history. Women have historically played vital roles in creating and building the City of Lawton and continue to be active members of the community today; and

***Whereas***, the City of Lawton recognizes the contributions of women from all ethnicities while also acknowledging that not every group's story was, and is, the same; and

***Whereas***, the relevance of current day suffragist continuing to advocate for equity and inclusion, *Daughters of The American Revolution, Lawton Business Women, League of Women Voters of Lawton, Mayors Commission on The Status of Women, Mountain Metro AMBUCS, Pioneer Club of Lawton, The Women That VOTE Arts Corporation, THETA UPSON OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA '68, Oklahoma Women Veterans Organization - Lawton/Fort Sill Chapter 0116, and Women United for Action*, continue the legacy of uplifting women everywhere, in honor of National Women's History Month.

***Now, therefore***, I, Stan Booker, Mayor, City of Lawton, with pride, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as

## NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

***In witness whereof***, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, to be affixed hereto this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

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**Stan Booker, Mayor**